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Yuji KANEKO et al.)
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For: RARE-EARTH SINTERED MAGNET AND)
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME)

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

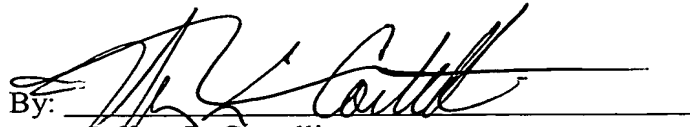
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Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Reasons of Rejection dated April 8, 2003, together with the references cited therein. The Notice was issued in Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-300511 which claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-305121 and 2000-312540 under Japanese Patent Law Sec. 41, the priority of which is claimed in the present application under 35 U.S.C. §119.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. (743421-44)

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